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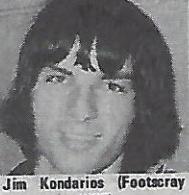
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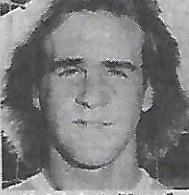
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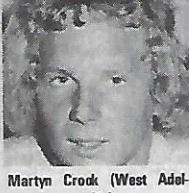
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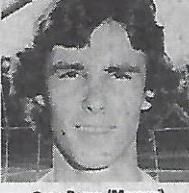
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24-team World Cup: Europe is willing

BERNE, European soccer leaders are ready to agree to increase the number of World Cup finalists in 1982 from 16 to 24, provided Europe's share of final places is raised proportionately, A Top European official said this week.

Dr Artemio Franchi, president of the European Football Union (UEFA), said in an article in UEFA's quarterly official bulletin:

"Europe could only subscribe to an enlargement of the World Cup finals if this new formula takes proper account of the power, potential, traditions and importance of European football."

Dr Franchi did not specify how many final places should be reserved for European countries if the number of finalists is raised.

But in an article in last December's bulletin he said there should be at least 13, instead of 10 as in the 1978 World Cup in Argentina.

The executive committee of the International Football Federation (FIFA), governing body of world soccer, will take a final decision at a meeting in Zurich on May 17 and 18.



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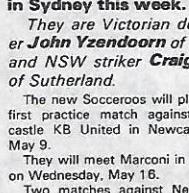
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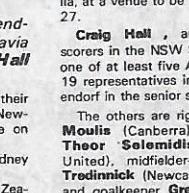
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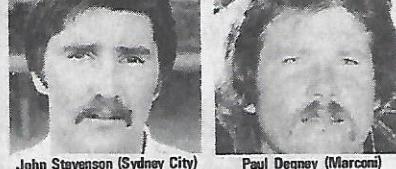
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"After our six-goal loss (to Marconi) on Saturday I'd say we've got a lot of problems, although Marconi played really well."

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Youth draw

The Victorian Soccer Federation last week released the draw for the Coca-Cola Bottlers Australian youth championship, to be staged in Melbourne from May 14 to 19.

The preliminary round games will be played at Monash University on May 14, 15 and 16.

The semi-finals will be at Olympic Park on Thursday, May 17 from 6.30 pm and at the final at Olympic Park on Friday, May 18, at 8 pm.

The draw is:

GROUP A: Australian Capital Territory/South Australia/Northern Australia/Northern New South Wales.

GROUP B: New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, Tasmania.

MONDAY, MAY 14:

Australian Capital Territory v South Australia Ground 1 — 10.30 a.m.

Western Australia v Northern New South Wales Ground 2 — 2.30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 15:

GROUP A:

Australian Capital Territory v Western Australia Ground 1 — 10.30 a.m.

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 16:

GROUP A:

South Australia v Western Australia Ground 1 — 10.30 a.m.

New South Wales v Tasmania Ground 2 — 10.30 a.m.

Victoria v Tasmania Ground 1 — 2.30 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 18:

FINAL:

Winner of 1st Semi-Final v Winner of 2nd Semi-Final Olympic Park — 8.00 p.m.

Danish star to Spain?

From
JIM COOK

Danish star Allan Simonsen of Borussia Moenchengladbach was expected to decide this week if he is to join Barcelona for an agreed 450,000 pounds fee.

Jimmy Dickinson, the Portsmouth manager who played nearly 900 games with the club collapsed with a heart attack recently.

Alan Hudson (27) the former Chelsea, Stoke, Arsenal and England player, who with Malcolm McDonald was sent home by the Gunnars on their Australian jaunt in 1977, is now with Seattle Sounders, whose manager Jimmy Gabriel was in the dynamic Everton side which toured Australia in 1973.

Top writer Frank McGhee and Scotland's Jock Stein reckons that the players in the Football League are jealous of Liverpool's success. No Liverpool player has won the PFA award (votes cast by players)

Bristol City have picked up another foreign star in defender Geert Meijer of Ajax of Holland for the bargain price of only 92,000 pounds.

Derek Statham (20) the West Bromwich Albion and England Under 21 player was recently fined 500 pounds and banned from driving for two years when he admitted charges of driving with excess alcohol.

Fulham are being pressed to come up with 400,000 pounds quickly which they owe for the building of their Riverside stand.

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Terry Paine former Southampton and England winger and now a publican in Cheltenham, has taken over as manager of Cheltenham in the Southern League.

Controversial former England star Stan Bowles of relegation-haunted Queens Park Rangers is expected to move to new pastures next season after recently being dropped.

Argentine star Osvaldo Ardiles of Tottenham Hotspur is reported to have earned 30,000 pounds in his first two months in publicity and interviews.

Kavis Keegan European Foot- baller of the Year, took on the role of midwife recently when his English sheepdog gave birth to nine puppies, who will be going to some of the top players in Germany.

Wolves defender George Berry-born in West Germany of a Jamaican father and Welsh mother has elected to make himself available for Wales-if re- quired.

George Burley, who went straight to Ipswich Town from school in Scotland as an apprentice, is tipped to get a place in Scotland's team soon.

Cambridge United, the Second Division side managed by Scot John Docherty, are set for a month long tour of New Zealand in late May. Cambridge rose from the Fourth to Second Division in two seasons.

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By KYLE PATTERSON

South Melbourne's Tony Turner isn't on top of the world at the moment, but he's man enough to face up to the situation.

The 26-year-old Englishman is honest enough to admit he hasn't played as well as he could have since coming to Australia and that South Melbourne, even before losing three competition points, was playing badly.

He admits all is not well, but is keeping as cool as one can in such a crisis.

Turner's spirit hit rock bottom two weeks ago. His confidence had been dented by South's points deduction, but it was damaged even more when he was replaced after half an hour against Sydney City.

Turner is still wondering how anyone could combat City's winger Joe Watson, who gave the South Melbourne full back such a roasting.

Still, Turner is not done yet. He talks about his problems not in the tone of a shattered man, but with a healthy optimism for what is to come. I admire him for his guts in this respect.

"The trouble over my clearance had an effect on me," he said. "It's hard to put it into the back of my mind and get on with the job. I feel responsible for losing the club the points, although it wasn't my fault."

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Turner was born Birmingham on June 18, 1953.

He was a top schoolboy player and represented his district.

When still at school he was spotted by Ron Dukes, a scout for Walsall. Turner signed schoolboy forms for Walsall, which meant training two nights a week with the team and playing with the youth team on the weekend.

Later he progressed to the club's Central League (reserve) team, where he played eight games.

But he wasn't happy there. Because he wasn't on apprenticeship forms, he was only paid expenses.

He left and joined Birstein in the West Midlands league because it was financial rather than creative.

He was with Birstein six seasons, during which time he was given a taste of top soccer.

Birstein had an excellent run in the F.A. Cup one year and qualified for the first round proper. For a club which was outside even the top non-league competitions, (Southern League, Northern Premier League) this was a great achievement.

Birstein was drawn against Queens Park Rangers, which boasted Rodney Marsh, the one-time king of English soccer.

Marsh is now with the Tampa Bay Rowdies in the North American Soccer League.

Queens Park Rangers had to play at Birstein's ground and escaped with a narrow 2-1. Marsh scored both Rangers' goals.

Later, Turner had unsuccessful trials with Scunthorpe and Torquay before transferring to Hednesford.

From Hednesford he jumped into a frying pan with South Melbourne. But Turner gives the impression he intends to fight his way back.

Saints will get better

Don't be fooled by St. George's early season form. The Saints can do better and they will.

After my club, Adelaide City, had beaten Saints 2-0 in Sydney recently, a journalist asked me what I thought was wrong with St. George. I replied that I thought the players had lost the pride that has characterised this great club for so long.

With its brilliant stadium, and the colorful atmosphere created on match days, St. George deserves better.

Certainly it has the ability in individuals like Phil O'Connor, Paul Cottin, Brendan Gross, John O'Shea, Rudi Grujic, Neville Morgan, Doug Utesenovic, and George Harris, men who are certainly not unknown in Australian soccer.

In the match against St. George, Saints were in the game all the way and it needed some stout defending to stifle the fantastic skill of Phil O'Connor, the composure of Paul Cottin and the exceptional speed of Phil Hennessy.

Saints never played second-best to us in that game and they are not as bad as their early results might suggest.

One has to sympathise with coach Joe Gelat. Obviously the only thing he needs is for the players to regain their pride in themselves and in their clubs, and to get their confidence back.

I wrote this before the game against Footscray last Sunday. A good result in that game would be the tonic the Saints need to go on to better things. ***

I take my hat off to coach Alan Vest and the other men who have made Newcastle KB United the success story of Australian soccer.

Newcastle's match against Sydney Olympic at home drew close to 19,000. For the away game against Adelaide City, 150 supporters made the trip from Newcastle. That's what soccer needs — "crazy" supporters with their scarves, flags, musical instruments, belts, horns.

In the two years of its existence, KB United has created the type of fanatical support and colorful atmosphere which most other clubs have lacked for 20 or 30 years.

Credit goes not only to the players and to coach Alan Vest, but also to the people who have promoted the game so well on the coasts.

After Newcastle's game against Adelaide City, Alan Vest wrote to thank us for our hospitality and to praise the Adelaide City club.

I take this opportunity to repay the compliments through "Soccer Action". Alan must be extremely proud to be at the helm of a club that started with nothing and that he has built up himself, with the help of an enthusiastic committee.

He must be proud of the incredible atmosphere at the International Sports Centre every time his team plays at home.

I compliment Newcastle on its hospitality, its dedication and its totally professional approach.

This final snippet was intended for April 1, but I've delayed.

It concerns the long-awaited testimonial match for Ray Baartz. I wonder what the ASF's answer will be to this small paragraph:

THE TESTIMONIAL MATCH FOR RAY BAARTZ WILL FINALLY TAKE PLACE AGAINST FULHAM, WHICH WILL FEATURE BOBBY MOORE AND ALAN MULLEN.

You now know why I had the item earmarked for April 1.

Perhaps it should be printed on April 1 of every year.

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Other Asians set hot pace

Australia has a long way to go before it can compete on equal footing with Asian giants South Korea, North Korea, Iraq and Israel.

Even China is looming as a big threat, judging from its 1-0 victory over Iraq last December.

The strength of these Asian giants is shown clearly by a new regular feature in "Soccer Action".

Once a month, from official results received from FIFA, we will publish progressive "standings" of all national teams in the "Asian" region — from the Middle East to Oceania.

It is against the countries of this region that Australia must play in the 1981 World Cup qualifying rounds.

Because "Soccer Action" goes into recess in November each year, we will cover results for the 12-month period from November to November.

The inaugural table shows that South Korea and North Korea are undefeated since November, 1978, that Iraq has played the most games — 12 — and that 1978 World Cup finalist Iran has not played an international game in this period, mainly because of the revolution.

Australia hasn't played either, so it is not included in the table.

Iraq has recorded the most impressive results so far, having beaten Finland, East Germany, Sweden, China and Kuwait. Israel has beaten Belgium and Greece and has drawn 1-1 with Romania.

North Korea beat all-conquering Iraq.

Note that placings are determined by success rates.

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Success rate | pts |
|--------------|----|---|---|---|----|----|--------------|------|
| South Korea | 9 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 20 | 4 | 17 | 94.4 |
| North Korea | 6 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 13 | 3 | 10 | 83.3 |
| Iraq | 12 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 18 | 6 | 13 | 75 |
| China | 11 | 8 | 0 | 3 | 24 | 8 | 16 | 72.7 |
| Israel | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 5 | 62.5 |
| Kuwait | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 13 | 8 | 7 | 58.3 |
| Thailand | 5 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 12 | 4 | 40.0 |
| Malaysia | 5 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 10 | 4 | 40.0 |
| Saudi Arabia | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 33.3 |
| Bahrain | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 2 | 33.3 |
| India | 5 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 13 | 2 | 20.0 |
| Qatar | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 1 | 16.6 |
| Japan | 6 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 7 | 16 | 2 | 16.6 |
| Burma | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 0 | - |
| Bangladesh | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 10 | 4 | 0 | - |
| Philippines | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 0 | - |
| Brunei | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 12 | 0 | - |

Results:
NOVEMBER 1978: Surinam v. China 1-2; Israel v. Belgium 1-0; Japan v. USSR 1-4.
DECEMBER 1978: China v. Saudi Arabia 1-0; India v. Malaysia 0-1; Iraq v. Qatar 2-1; Japan v. Kuwait 0-2; Bahrain v. South Korea 1-5; Saudi Arabia v. Thailand 1-0; India v. Bahrain 1-0; Bahrain v. Iraq 0-2; Bahrain v. Saudi Arabia 2-2; Burma v. North Korea 0-3; Bahrain v. Thailand 1-0; Bahrain v. Kuwait 2-0; Bangladesh v. India 0-3; China v. Qatar 3-0; Iraq v. Saudi Arabia 1-1; Bahrain v. Kuwait 0-3; Japan v. South Korea 1-3; North Korea v. Thailand 3-0; Malaysia v. Thailand 1-2; China v. South Korea 0-1; Iraq v. North Korea 1-0; Bahrain v. Kuwait 0-1; Bahrain v. Thailand 1-0; China v. Malaysia 1-1; North Korea v. Kuwait 2-2; India v. Iraq 0-3; South Korea v. North Korea 0-0; China v. Iraq 1-0; Israel v. Rumania 1-1; Philippines v. South Korea 0-5; South Korea v. China 1-0; Philippines v. Macao 1-2; South Korea v. Macao 4-1; China v. Philippines 3-0; Macao v. China 1-2; South Korea v. Macao 4-1; China v. Philippines 3-0; Macao v. China 1-2.
JANUARY 1979: Israel v. Austria 0-1.
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Dixie Deans: an example to all

Fans at the recent St. George v. Adelaide City game were privileged to see a great soccer player in action.

The name Dixie Deans.

His fine football brain, punishing finishing skills and his marvellous enthusiasm were a joy to see.

I became a Dixie Deans admirer in 1977 during the short spell I had coaching the South Australian squad for a game against Middlesbrough.

Deans' professionalism and deep love of the game were what came through to me during training for the State game.

In the game which produced a 1-1 result, Deans scored the South Australian goal and gained the fine Middlesbrough centre back, Stuart Boam, a really hard time.

In that game and in others for Adelaide City that year, Dixie played purely as a target man, conserving his energy for dynamic bursts of activity in the goalmouth.

He finished as the Philips League's leading scorer.

Against St. George it was as though we were watching the



Dixie Deans bustles past Joe Picioane of Footscray.

MIKE JOHNSON

young Deans of years ago in Scotland

He was constantly on the move, making diagonal runs from the centre that took him to wide wing positions.

Brendan Gross, a fairly nippy centre back, had all sorts of bother trying to track down the short, thick-set Scott.

The Adelaide City midfielders were placing passes to the side of the mobile Deans which he took in his stride, shielding the ball with his body from Gross.

This is a skill Deans would have displayed at Celtic under former manager Jack Stein who likes sharp mobile strikers who can drag big central defenders to areas where they are not effective.

Two other surprising factors about Deans was his speed over a short distance of 10 to 25 metres and also his readiness to chase back and harry defenders.

He set an example to his team in this second aspect.

For such a skilful and famous player is the oldest in the field, what's more to be prepared to do this, was to be impressive.

Deans does not have the inclination to impress Rudi Gutendorf and win an Australian jersey. He has already played for Scotland and cannot be considered for Australia.

Deans was putting so much of himself into the game out of sheer pride and professionalism!

He is a marvelous example to those around him and John Nyakohus particularly seems to be reacting to him.

The St. George game saw the reappearance of Gary Marocchi in the Adelaide line-up late in the game.

His typical hammered goal to sew up the game, gave notice that City is going to be a team in the running for honours with a cultured midfield of Munz, Marocchi and Perin.

The team has found a competent sweeper in John Bois and has a solid stopper in John Muir, plus skilful full backs in Budge Nyakohus and Russell.

Defence has been a problem for Adelaide City since the league started three years ago.

Right at the start of the league the club had sought to replace former great Frank Lister with David Jones.

A night flight by myself to Perth forestalled that signing and Jones joined up with West Adelaide while Adelaide City consoled itself with the signing of Marocchi from another Perth club.

However, Muir, Bois, Russell and Nyakohus plus goalkeeper Marshall, no longer the raw recruit he was, is the best defence the club has had in recent times.

It also has a highly competent man in coach Rasic. He must already be thinking that this team can make up for the disappointments he experienced with Marocchi.



Socceroo defender Steve Kokoska barges his way past George McMillan in a Victorian State League match between Croatia and Makedonia. At rear is Croatia's Ante Bilaver.

Cunnungra, Queensland, but has spent most of his life in Melbourne. He joined Sunshine City's under 12s in 1957 and later played more than 200 senior games with the club, before transferring to Essendon Croatia for \$6000.

The transfer came the season after he had won the "Soccer Ac-

tion" - Yugoslav Airlines Player of the Year award, a return trip to Europe.

Kokoska played for Victoria against South Australia and Middlesbrough in 1977 and against Wisla Krakow and South Australia this year, as well as representing Australia against Greece in Melbourne.

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ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 8, Dodds 7, Beair 7, Muir 8, B. Nyskohus 8, Perin 7, Marocchi 7 (Villani), Northgate 7, Deans 7, J. Nyskohus 7, Kent 7.

OLYMPIC: Meier 9, McIntosh 6, Ainslie 6, Bell 7, Wilson 7, Cross 7, Botham 7, Raskopoulos 8, Jamieson 7, (Luckett) Eaton 6 (Jennings), Scott 7.

BRISBANE CITY 2 BRISBANE LIONS 1. Ratings by Bruce Waddell.

BRISBANE LIONS — Lowndes 6, Lawrie 7, Bennett 6, Hermiston 8, Niven 7, Hughes 6, Spearritt 6, Russell 7, Wallace 6 (Ontong 59th), Brennan 7, McGregor 7.

BRISBANE CITY — Wishart 8, Perry 9, Potter 8, Tokosi 8, Wilkinson 8, Gaffney 8, Pimblett 8, Coyne 7, Caldwell 7 (Echeverria 84th), Kelso 7, Lov 7.

CANBERRA 0 APIA 0. Ratings by Peter Windsor.

CANBERRA: Hozoszki 7, Moulis 7, Milovanovic 8, Hogg 7 (Cane 70th), Salgado 7, (Talevski 65th), Stark 8, Brown 7, Davies 7, Byrne 7, Gruicic 7, Fielding 8.

APIA: Woodhouse 9; Skellern 7, Turnball 8, Carruthers 7, (Vernon 81st), Wilson 8, Rambanti 6, (Drewes 68th), Stone 7, Rowden 7, O'Donnell 7, Reed 7, Pullen 7.

HEIDELBERG 2 NEWCASTLE KB UTD. 4 Ratings by Laurie Schwab:

HEIDELBERG: Banovic 6 — McMullan 6, O'Reilly 5, P. Bannon 6, Tansey 6 — Selemidis 6, Taylor 5, Rooney 6 — Bozikas 6 (Mickevski 6, half time), Cole 6, Bujevic 6.

NEWCASTLE: Dando 7 — Willis 7, Summerscales 8, Drinkwater 7, Curran 8 — McClelland 9, Seddon 7, Cowburn 6 (Tredinnick 70th) — Heys 9, Boden 9, Harris 5 (McBreen 65th).

SYDNEY CITY 3 WEST ADELAIDE 0. Ratings by Johnnny Warren:

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke 8, Souness 7, O'Connor 8,

Thomson 8, Bruce 7, Stevenson 8, Campbell 8, Barnes 6, Watson 7, Smith 7, Silva 6.

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 7, Bozanic 6, Reynolds 6, McGachey 6, Kambas 6, Jones 7, Boyle 7, Pillans 6, Honeyman 6, McGregor 7, Koamina 7.

MARCONI 6 SOUTH MELBOURNE 0. Ratings by Alex Vesic.

MARCONI: Maher 8, Berry 7, (Brogen 8 - 45'), Prskalo 8, Russell 8, Degney 8, Vieri 8 (Lindsay 1—), Henderson 8, Byrne 8, Krnecvic 9, Jankovic 9, Sharne 9.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Hensen 5, Davidson 5, Baxter 5, Munro 5, (sent off) Kafelofidis 5, (Lutto -70') Kyriakoulessis 5, Wright 6, Christopoulos 6, Campbell 7, Evans 6, Drakeford 5.

ST. GEORGE 0 FOOTSCRAY 2 Ratings by Tony Raciti.

ST. GEORGE: — Coe 6, Harris 6, Crosse 6, Delta Picca 5, Robert O'Shea 8, John O'Shea 7, Katholos 6, Matic 7 (Groome 70th min), Cotton 5 (Key at half-time 5), Morgan 4, O'Connor 9.

FOOTSCRAY: — Boland 8, Ilioski 7, Ristic 7, Jovicic 6, Koniaris 8, Jovanovic 9, Palinkas 7 (Hazarbeit 81st min), Lujic 7, Piciaone 7 (Rujevic 59th min), Oerton 5, Ristovski 8.

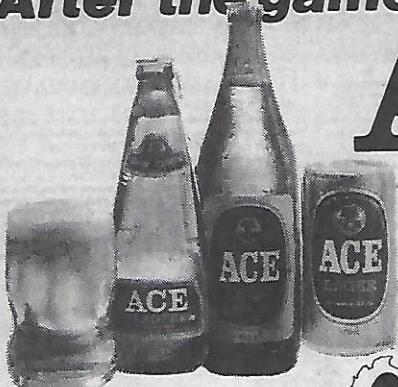
Leading ratings:

8.0 Thomson (SC), Jankovic (Marc), Boland (Foots).
7.9 Crook (WA).

7.8 Tokesi, Perry, Potter (BC).
7.7 Raskopoulos, Meier (SO), S. O'Connor (SC), Muir (AC), Clarke (SC), G. Byrne, Prskalo (Marc), Heya (Newc).

7.6 Sharne (Marc), Summerscales (Newc), Palinkas (Foots), Hermiston (BL), Deans (AC).
7.5 Davies (Can).
7.4 Bruce (SC), Henderson (Marc), Stark (Can), Wilkinson (BC).

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5. Smith (SC), Sharne (Marc).
4. Hays (Newco), Picicane (Fooths), Low (BC).
3. Eaton (SO), Stevenson, Barnes (SC), Krcevic (Marc), Boden, Drinkwater (Newco), Buljevic (H'berg), Ristovski (Fooths).

Brisbane 'signs' Hayden

Federal Opposition leader Bill Hayden has become patron of Brisbane Lions.

Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser is patron of Canberra City.

Films at Juventus

Juventus (Vic) will have after-match film nights at Club Cavour, 172 Cecil Street, South Melbourne, every Sunday.

This week the film is Italy v Spain in color. Admission is \$1. Bar and restaurant will be open.



A tangle of arms and leg as four men challenge for the ball in the Newcastle — Heidelberg match. From left: Ken Boden, Pat Bannon, Gary Cole, Roy Drinkwater picture by SAM BELFONTE.

MUNRO OUT, CHANCE FOR RASIC'S MEN

Can Adelaide and Melbourne stay in the race for the top four series? The answer may be provided when Footscray meets Adelaide City and West Adelaide takes on magical Marconi on Sunday.

Another point of interest is whether South Melbourne, minus suspended defender Frank Munro, can avoid the drop to last place when it meets St George at Middle Park.

Adelaide City and West Adelaide are two points outside the four and Footscray is one more point behind.

With fourth-placed Brisbane City likely to lose to Sydney City and fifth-placed Canberra likely to go down to Newcastle in Newcastle, the scene is set for one of the Adelaide clubs to climb up the ladder.

But what hope is there?

Marconi has won 5-0 and 6-0 in the past two games - admittedly, against unworthy opposition - and with Jankovic, Vier,

Krcevic, Sharne, Degney, Byrne and Prakaln firing the way they are, West Adelaide appears to have little chance of victory even on their home ground.

Adelaide City has a better chance against Footscray at Olympic Park on Sunday but Footscray showed improvement in beating St George last Sunday.

Jim Kondaros played a fine game in defence and Peter O'Leary scored his first goal in 14 league matches, which is a promising sign. What's more, Dennis Boland returned to goal with a fine display.

But can Kondaros contain dynamic Dale Deans and can Zdravko Lalic cope with John Nyakohus? With Joe Plicano almost certain to be marked, does



From left: Tony Henderson, Eddie Krcevic and Mark Jankovic congratulate each other during the "goal rush" against Heidelberg.

Footscray have enough alternatives in midfield to drive the team forward.

If Footscray does manage to beat Rale Basic's men, its points total would be boosted to nine, which would lift it above the two Adelaide clubs.

APIA is also likely to climb by beating struggling Brisbane Lions at Wentworth Park, but APIA will have to show marked improvement in attack to hold even a mid-table position.

From all reports, St George is not as bad as its position on the table indicates.

The form of South Melbourne has not been exactly inspiring, so their clash at Middle Park should be a desperate struggle for survival.

Heidelberg will be strengthened by the return of centre back Bob Price and midfielder Jim Campbell and should win this one. — LAURIE SCHWAB

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This week's top goalkeeper is GREG WOODHOUSE of APIA — Leichhardt who is equal leader in the voting, with Martyn Crook of West Adelaide.

Weekend Philips League games:
IN NEWCASTLE
Newcastle KB Utd. v. Canberra City, International Sports Centre, Saturday, 2.30 pm.
IN SYDNEY
APIA-Leichhardt v. Brisbane Lions, Wentworth Park, Sunday 3 pm
Sydney Olympic v. Heidelberg Utd, Pratten Park, Sunday 3 pm
IN MELBOURNE
Footscray v. Adelaide City, Olympic Park, 3 pm
South Melbourne v. St George, Middle Park, 3 pm
IN BRISBANE
Brisbane City v. Sydney City, Perry Park, 3 pm
IN ADELAIDE
West Adelaide v. Marconi, Hindmarsh Stadium, 2.30 pm



"No worries" says Marconi goalkeeper Allan Maher while his team is busy at the other end, beating South Melbourne 6-0. Picture by STEVE CHATZIS

STOP PRESS

McKay gets the job



South Melbourne coach Dave Maclare has stepped down.

McLaren has been appointed office manager of South Melbourne.

Duncan McKay former Scottish International and Celtic player has taken over from McLaren as coach.

McKay Victorian State coach last year has coached Victorian clubs Ajax and Croatia and Azzurri in Perth.



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HEIDELBERG TO HALT SOUTH'S COMEBACK BID

The pairing of Heidelberg Utd. and South Melbourne in the first round of the Philips Cup is a set back for the competition. The two clubs are in the top bracket of crowd-pullers in Australia, and boast more than a fair share of star players.

But the South Melbourne fans, the draw was painful for other reasons. Their team is going through a bad patch, and another meeting with budget team Heidelberg is a stumbling block on the road to recovery.

The S.M. Helles fans don't have to be reminded about past results. They have long suffered watching their expensive team brushed aside by Heidelberg.

The Helles supporters have been living in hope for the past three seasons, and as this cup tie approaches, are still hoping that Souths can record its first Philips League victory over Greek rivals Heidelberg Alexander.

But it seems likely that Heidelberg's mastery of South Melbourne will continue. Helles is in no condition to break the six-game drought.

And with Heidelberg in good form, and threatening to have a change in goalscoring luck, we could see a repeat of the 5-2 and 4-1 thrashings Heidelberg handed out in the past.

Heidelberg is more organised and balanced than South Melbourne. As well, Heidelberg has match-winning individuals, who are in form, whereas Helles' stars have been flat this season.

Heidelberg has an important quality — steel. It's the quality that has enabled the team to recover from poor results in past seasons, and go onto better things.

Examples are the 1977 thrashing at the hands of Marconi, and the disastrous start in 1978.

Heidelberg was smashed to the tune of 8-1 by Marconi in '77, but went onto finish third in the league.

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But Heidelberg had enough to muster a late surge to take the game 2-1, despite being beaten for most of the game.

South Melbourne, on the other

Venues and fixtures

PHILIPS CUP 1979

FIRST AND SECOND ROUND DRAW

| Venues | Kick-off | Referee | ROUND ONE | | ROUND TWO Dates to be decided |
|----------------------|----------|--------------|---------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|
| | | | Played Wednesday 25 April | (Brisbane Lions) | |
| Perry Park | 1-00pm | J. Wood | (South Side Eagles) | (Qld) | vs. (Qld) |
| Perry Park | 3-00pm | D. Nugent | (St. George Souths) | (Qld) | vs. (Qld) |
| Barton Park | 1-00pm | R. Lorenc | (St. George) | (NSW) | vs. (Qld) |
| Wentworth Park | 3-00pm | T. Davies | (Ipswich) | (NSW) | vs. (NSW) |
| Marconi Oval | 3-00pm | K. Allen | (Sydney Cross) | (NSW) | vs. (NSW) |
| Barton Park | 3-00pm | T. Boskovic | (APIA-Leichhardt) | (NSW) | vs. (NSW) |
| International Sport. | 3-00pm | W. Jones | (Sydney Olympic) | (NSW) | vs. (NSW) |
| Bruce Stadium | 3-00pm | D. Rennie | (Newcastle KB United) | (NSW) | vs. (NSW) |
| Middle Park | 3-00pm | J. Johnston | (Edgeworth Eagles) | (ACT) | vs. (ACT) |
| Olympic Park | 3-00pm | G. Neal | (Canberra City) | (Vic) | vs. (Vic) |
| Olympic Park | 1-15pm | S. Hellings | (West Hobart) | (Vic) | vs. (Vic) |
| Middle Park | 1-15pm | P. Rampley | (Heidelberg United) | (Vic) | vs. (Vic) |
| Olympic Sportsfield | 3-00pm | C. Bambridge | (South Melbourne) | (Vic) | vs. (Vic) |
| Hindmarsh Stadium | 1-00pm | R. Kerr | (Preston) | (S.A.) | vs. (S.A.) |
| Hindmarsh Stadium | 3-00pm | A. Beazley | (White Eagles) | (S.A.) | vs. (S.A.) |
| | | | (Elizabeth City) | (S.A.) | vs. (S.A.) |
| | | | (Cumberland United) | (S.A.) | vs. (S.A.) |
| | | | (Kingsway Olympic) | (W.A.) | vs. (W.A.) |



Arthur McMillan

games, and has scored vital goals in the process.

The experienced former Soccoro may be past his best days, but the fact he is still one of Australia's best strikers shows how great the man is.

Gary Cole is on the verge of national team selection, and therefore will be out to justify the faith Rudi Gutendorf has shown in him. If Buljevic puts in another good game, it's likely Cole will be deadly as well. The skilful Branko can bring the best out of the strong, aggressive Cole, and Heidelberg striking duo will be a constant threat to both teams.

Jim Campbell has lost the goal touch which netted him 12 goals last season. The attacking midfield player had a great 1978 season, and coach John Margaritis will be hoping he can quickly find his shooting boots. His runs into attack give the Heidelberg forward line variation and flair.

South Melbourne has potentially the best forward line in Australia. But the combination has struggled to find cohesion this season.

Alun Evans is the only player in South's attack to show anything this season. He battles like the true professional he is, but lacks support.

The broken leg suffered by

George Campbell has had a noticeable effect on the Scottish wing wizard. Campbell lost some of his sharpness which made him so lightning fast but is slowly reaching top form.

Unfortunately for George, the Heidelberg game isn't going to be easy. Hard-hitting Arthur McMillan has won Campbell in past encounters with his robust challenges, and George will be struggling to get away from the Heidelberg full back.

Duncan Cummings was shifted from his natural strikers role, and put into midfield. His goal poaching talents were wasted here, and so he's back in the forward line.

The midfield will be won by Heidelberg simply because South Melbourne is virtually non-existent in this department. So far, Souths has used seven players in midfield without finding a successful combination.

Souths best combination could be Alan Davidson-Ken Drakford-Sammy Wright. Other players used in this department are George Christopoulos, Chris Kalafatis, Bertie Lutton and Duncan Cummings.

Heidelberg has the inspirational Jimmy Rooney, backed by Campbell and Ken Taylor. This combination has balance and flair. Taylor plays a subdued role, Campbell is the attacker and Rooney runs everywhere in between.

Heidelberg is a fairly safe bet to progress to the second round of the Philips Cup.

The Footscray JUST/George Cross game has the makings of a do-or-die struggle. Both teams had five-goal defeats in the last two weeks, and both are far from peak form.

Obviously, Footscray is the favorite to win the tie, but it will be a battle from start to finish. George lacks the polish, however, to outplay the skilful JUST team.

George Cross was thrashed 6-1 by Essendon Croatia, while Footscray received a 5-0 hammering from Marconi. Because the defeats shook up the respective camps, the line ups could be vastly different as the coaches search for a winning team.

Footscray's defense must be tighter than it was against Marconi. Jim Kondaritis carried three other defenders that day, and heaven knows how many goals Marconi would have got if he wasn't there.

Radoslav Jovicic will make a difference to the backbone, but Zdravko Ljubic must concentrate on marking his opponent.

With Phil Cutajar and Billy Wilkinson included in the team which went down to Croatia, George Cross will be better in defence.

However, attack and midfield still present problems for coach Johnny Sanchez. Without the players to hold the ball, and pressure the opposition, the George Cross defence will be under greater pressure.

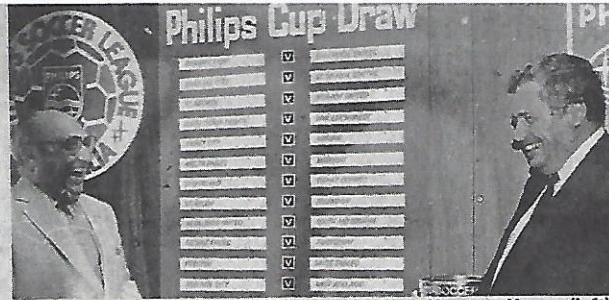
Footscray should win the game by a couple of goals. But coach Cedo Cirkovic must discipline forwards Mando Ristovski and Peter Ollerton to work harder.

In midfield, Slobodan Jovanovic must attack more, and Joe Picosone must start releasing the ball early to team mates.

Footscray must win, and win well to boost the confidence of the players. After the defeat at the hands of Marconi, the morale must be pretty low.

The all-State League clash between Hakoah and Essendon Croatia in Melbourne should be a close game.

Hakoah has hit a low after a good start to the season, while



The managing director of Philips Industries Herman Huyer (left) shares a joke with N.S.W. soccer official Peter McCann at the Phillips Cup draw.



Heidelberg midfielder Jim Campbell (left) has a point-blank range shot brilliantly saved by South Melbourne goalkeeper Jack Reilly (number one). Tony Turner is in pursuit of Campbell. Reilly has since been sacked by South Melbourne.

Croatia is on the way up after a mediocre (by Croatia standards) start to 1979.

Hakoah likes to play a slow, build up game which draws the opposition out of its own half. Midfielders Dave Rigby, Bill Jordanou and Stuart Blair can then exploit the gaps in the opposition midfield.

However, in recent weeks, Hakoah hasn't been as confident holding the possession. Against Croatia, a team built on plenty of running and quick, incisive attacks, this could be fatal.

Croatia is excellent at pressuring opponents. With coach Brian Edgley, will instruct his players to attack to Hakoah defenders as soon as the ball is lost, thus breaking down at the first stage Hakoah's build up.

But soccer on the Apple Isle is still in its infancy, and Makedonia will dominate the game. With strikers Gary Ward, George McMillan and Robert Cullen firing, Makedonia should provide an entertaining display.

In other interesting games, West Adelaide and Adelaide City clash in the big South Australian derby. It's hard to pick a winner in this game, for both sides are playing below capabilities.

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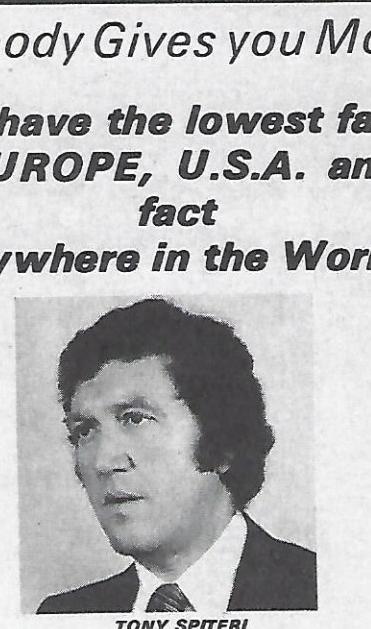
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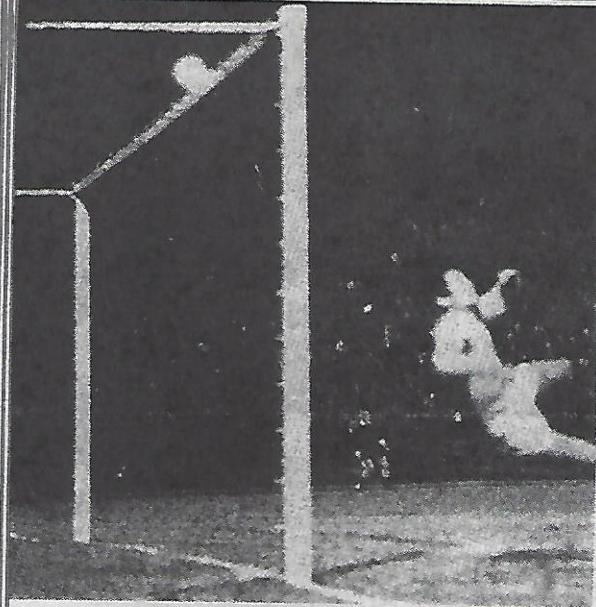


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The ball enters the net off the boot of Jimmy Mackay for the goal that gave Australia a 1-0 victory over South Korea in Hong Kong in 1973 and put the Socceroos into the 1974 World Cup finals.

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The great APIA team of the mid-sixties, which formed the basis of the Socceroo squad. Standing from left: J. Provera (manager), George Nuttall, Pat Hughes, Ernie Campbell, Graham McKinnon, Phil Bottalico, Brian Taylor, Cliff van Blerk, John Watkiss, Stan Ackerley, M. Masey (coach). Front: F. Viano, Ricardo Campana, Archie Blue, Bill Kerklaan. The following played for Australia: Nuttall, Hughes, Campbell, McKinnon, van Blerk, Watkiss, Ackerley, Campana, Blue and Johnny Giacometti who is missing from the photo.

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The Australia team that defeated Iran 3-0 in a World Cup qualifying game in Sydney on August 18, 1973, standing from left: Ray Baartz, Ray Richards, John Watkiss, Peter Wilson, Adrian Alston, Doug Utjesenovic, Johnny Warren. Front: Jimmy Mackay, Col Curran, Rale Basic (coach), Jim Fraser, Attila Abonyi.



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THIS WEEK

SATURDAY

GREEN GULLY v SUNSHINE CITY (Green Gully Reserve)
ESSENDON v ST KILDA HAKOAH (Olympic Park)

SUNDAY

PRAHRAN SLAVIA v JUVENTUS (Showgrounds, Ascot Vale)
PRESTON MACEDONIA v ALTONA CITY (B. J. Connor Res., Reservoir)
FRANKSTON CITY v GEORGE CROSS (Centenary Park, N. Frankston)
ALBION LEYLAND v CROYDON CITY (Selwyn Park).

ALTONA 3 SLAVIA 2

Scorers: Altona — Craw 10th, Lewis (2) 14th, 21st Slavia — Paton pen. 61st, Monaghan 85th.
 Ground: Kim Reserve,

ALTONA CITY: van der Peet, Lewis, Heird, Murray, G. Train, Watterson, Whyte, J. Little, Craw, N. Little (Ignatidis), Taylor.

PRAHRAN SLAVIA: McPherson, Thompson, Westley injured (Turti), Yzendoorn injured (Kinnear half time), Pye, Monaghan, J. Train, Brindle, Williams, Aldridge, Paton.

Things are looking good for Altona City, which recorded its second successive victory over fancied opposition without several top players.

Altona was playing with an 'under strength' team.

Richard Plessa was a late omission with the flu and he joined a list of four other players who will soon be challenging for a first team place.

Kevin Kelly is currently overseas on business, and will be in line for a spot in midfield or in the centre of defence upon return.

Bob Gramsberger, who was sidelined earlier this season with cracked ribs, is overseas on holiday. He has been an ever-present at centre half over the past two seasons.

Terry Banagan is still out with a chipped ankle, but is showing signs of improvement. He's a mid-fielder.

Stuart Cornell, a central defender with Doncaster, the English Fourth Division club, has signed a contract with Altona, and will arrive soon.

Add Plessa and Altona has a 16-strong squad, which is essential in the demanding league championship race.

Slavia was hit by injury, and Glen Westley and John Yzendoorn had to leave the field. Yzendoorn was carrying an injury, but Westley pulled a muscle during the match.

Stars were Billy Whyte, who dominated in the midfield, Robin Craw, the club's new striker, two-goal full back Peter Lewis, and John Little.

Slavia's best were Brian Monaghan, Billy Brindle and Steve Aldridge.

Harry Hind was switched from attack to defence to mark Jamie Paton, and did well.

Craw scored first, shooting after a mauling initiated by George Taylor's great run from defence. Lewis made it 2-0 with a simple lob which goalkeeper Alex McPherson thought was going over the bar.

Lewis scored Altona's third with a header from a corner.

Slavia came back with a penalty from Paton, but Monaghan's late goal made little difference to the result.

Coach sought

Juventus (Vic) is looking for an experienced junior coach for its under 14 team, which trains at Northcote.

Anyone interested should contact Juventus' director of junior coaching, Jim Armstrong on 03 0677 (work) or 370 8197 (home).

McCombe quickly swapped roles and left Pongho to be the stopper.

But as a sweeper, McCombe's

lack of speed of the mark, and poor distribution is a hindrance.

McCombe is a giant in stature,

but against Croatia the nippy Ken Murphy had a field day, running

the forward line virtually unmarked.

Pongho battled manfully

against target striker Carl Gilder,

but received little back up.

CROYDON STARS OUT OF FORM

Jimmy Spink has lost his touch, and Croatia was fortunate his direct opponent Branko Culina had a below-par game. Otherwise, Croatia would have been able to open up on that flank.

Pat Priestley either isn't playing to instructions, or isn't aware what he should be doing as a forward. He didn't stay wide enough to function as a winger, but didn't get close enough to Roy Hamilton to feed off and work with the tall needled players winning the ball.

Dave Broghan went missing for long periods. He has the ability, but didn't get into the game at all, often hanging wide waiting for a pass when the Croydon midfield needed players winning the ball.

Other disappointments were Pat Lowrey and Roy Hamilton. Lowrey was eighth marked by Zeljko Luncic. He did such a good job that coach Brian Edgley was able to replace him with Howard Andrews, who pushed forward as Croatia searched for extra goals.

Hamilton won his place back after showing up well against Preston Makedonia last week as a substitute. But he had little hope against the mighty Steve Kokosa, who beat Hamilton in the air every time Croydon pumped the ball at the striker.

Hamilton was one of Croydon's worst players, but considering his position requires good service from midfielders, which he wasn't getting, then he must be given another chance.

Joe Trout dropped from the starting line up, replaced Mike Sinclair at half time, but made little difference.

Croatia looks set for a lean patch because not one department in the team is functioning well. Only the form of goalkeeper Mick Edwards and the persistence of Pongho and Duncan Smith kept Croydon from crashing against Croatia.

Croatia's defence was superb. The defenders attacked the ball quickly and in numbers, and pushed forward on occasions.

Steve Short was a tidy and creative sweeper behind the dominating Kokosa. Both moved into the midfield to support at times, and wasted not one ball.

Kokosa surprised with some subtle touches, and didn't resort to pumping long bombs, which he has tended to do in the past.

Lynn can be contacted at work on 341 5368.

Lynn loan?

Striker Mike Lynn wants to play on loan to a State League club for about eight weeks.

The former Ringwood-Willimina goal machine quit his Albion Rovers coaching job recently to take a university job in Sydney.

He says he will be able to take up his new appointment until July and he wants to play in the meantime.

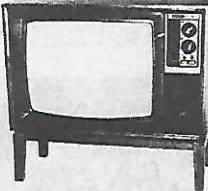
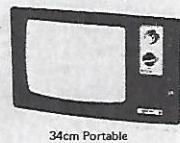
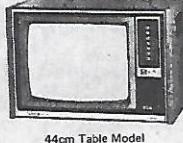
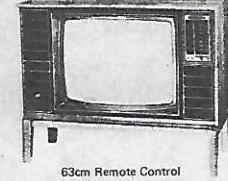
Lynn says he is confident that Dandenong City, the last club for which he played, will release him on loan.

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Sunshine: D. Nelson 70th.
Ground: Chaplin Reserve, Sunshine.

Weather: Warm, slight wind.

Crowd: About 200.

Referee: Jim Brennan 7.

SUNSHINE: Clarke 7 - Dixey 8, Lowe 6, Ellis 2, Szalezak 1 (McNally 75th), R. Nelson 5, Hume 5, Massei 5, Palasz 5 (Glimour 6, half time), Laing 6, D. Nelson 7.

FRANKSTON: Petersen 8 - V.

Bannon 7, Adams 4, Mcclusky 5, Parrot 6.5 - Ward 6.5, A. Young 7, G. Young 7, Mitten 6, Swinscoe 8, Coulson 4, B. Young 5.5th).

Despite Sunshine's mismatch flurry, Frankston always looked like winning due to the effective attacking partnership between Noel Mitten and Kevin Swinscoe.

Mitten showed some brilliant touches on the right, the best of them a headed flick-on into the goal for Swinscoe from a kick-in of at least 60 metres by Frankston.

Swinscoe started, stopped running in and around the box, marking space, drawing defenders away, getting into shooting positions.

Steve Ellis was not able to mark him effectively and Sunshine's sweeper Nick Lowe didn't have his best games either.

It was a shame that young Ricky Szalezak made senior debut in this of all games.

Confronted by the skill and guile of Mitten, Szalezak did not really stand a chance and was eventually replaced in the second half when John McNally came in midfield and Mitten Howe shifted from midfield to left back.

Howe had lined up in midfield to add some bite to that department but was made little difference to the sputtering Sunshine attack.

Sunshine's spirited comeback just after half time was the result of its greater speed and what appeared to be greater determination, made up for the lack of thought and build-up.

I hate to say it, but I am afraid Sunshine could find itself struggling near the foot of the ladder if it doesn't finish at least one experienced, creative mid-field player.

Frankston has talent to burn and will play a lot better than it did against Sunshine. Former Manchester United forward Steve Ellis showed some fine touches and sound positional play at defensive midfield and will be a sensation if he can develop a work-rate approach that of whirwind Ged Bannon.

Ged's brother Vince is, as everyone knows, one of the best right backs in all of Australia.

Centre back Danny Mcclusky, who previously did a good job, now seems transferring from Albion Rovers showed spectacular improvement and won everything in the air.

Alan Parrott's return to left back has made a difference to the defence. Frank Petersen showed he is set for a great

Best player voting

This week's votes in the 'Soccer Action' player of the year award:

SUNSHINE v FRANKSTON

3 Mitten (F)

2 Swinscoe (F)

1 Dixey (S)

GEORGE CROSS v ALBION

3 George (D)

2 Wilkinsson (GC)

1 Grechian (A)

ALTONA v SLAVIA

3 Whynes (H)

2 Cray (A)

1 Bodle (S)

CROYDON v CROATIA

3 Gilder (C)

2 Murphy (C)

1 Short (C)

JUVENTUS v AJAX

3 Klarin (A)

2 Perkins (A)

1 Terquino (J)

HAKOAH v MAKEDONIA

3 French (H)

2 Ward (M)

Progressive voting -

6 White (Altona), Gilder (Croatia), Klarin (Ajax)

4 Swinscoe (Franka), Faulkner (Mak.)

3 Ward (Mak.)

3 Nisbet (Altona), Taylor (Altona), Broghat (Croydon), Mitten (Franks), Young (Franka), French (Hakoah), Ingman (Juve), C. Lucchesi (Juve), Brindle (Slavia)

Leading goal-scorers -

4 Gilder (Cm), Swinscoe (Franka)

3 Lewis (Altona), Paton (Slavia), Ward (Mak.)

2 Cray (Altona), Taylor (Altona), Culina (Croat), Murphy (Croat), C. Lucchesi (Juve), McGuinness (Juve), D. Nelson (Suns)

Avala, Granville beat leaders

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YUGAL 1 (L. Morsello pen) BANKSTOWN 0.

AVALA 2 (Young, Bateman) SUTHERLAND 0.

MONARO 4 (T. Morsello 3, Giampaolo) AUBURN 1 (Montgomery)

CROATIA 2 (savor, Kovacic) MANLY 0.

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Sutherland.....3 2 1 14 7 8

Melita Eagles.....2 3 1 9 4 7

Toongabbie.....2 3 1 10 7 7

Inter-Monaro.....2 2 2 12 10 6

Avala.....3 0 2 8 6 5

Granville.....3 0 3 7 12 8

Marrick Olympic.....2 1 3 11 11 5

Auburn.....1 3 2 13 14 5

Kuringai.....2 1 2 5 11 5

Bankstown.....2 1 3 8 8 4

Yugal.....2 0 3 7 10 4

Armcilfe.....1 1 3 3 7 3

Manly.....1 1 4 4 9 3

Leading scorers:

5 - Hall (Suth), Allan (Melita), Valeri (Monaro), Fisher (Toon).

4 - Ramisch (O), T. Morsello (Monaro), Montgomery (Aub), Kovacic, Savor (Croatia).

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The right to score from eight metres.

After the interval it was all Marrickville and they went further ahead in the 43th minute when Chris Thamnidis scored following a strong downfield run.

Within a minute Ramisch scored again with a good drive from eight metres.

In the 69th minute John Doyle and Peter Balas combined well to set Ross Brown up for his second goal.

Ramisch scored his third goal in the 73rd minute with a hard low drive.

The visitors' first goal came in the 11th minute.

Sebastian Giampaolo forged through the defence and slipped the ball to Tony Morsello who had the easiest of chances.

Seventeen minutes later Morsello scored his second. He received a good pass from Walter Valeri and rounded three defenders before finding the back of the net.

Right on half time Monaro scored the goal of the match.

He put his side ahead in the 14th minute when he cut in from the right wing and scored with a low shot.

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ADELAIDE CITY

G.P.O. BOX 1262L, ADELAIDE, 5001 (08) 332 5614



SECRETARY: G. Ursini (08) 31 0778

COACH: R. Rasic

GROUND: Olympic Sports Field, Kensington (08) 31 1844.

COLOURS: Black & White.

This week's match: v FOOTSCRAY at Olympic Park (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm.

BRISBANE LIONS

15 DELPHINUS ST., INALA, QLD. 4077



SECRETARY: S. Boegheim (07) 377 2891

COACH: E. Spearratt.

GROUND: Perry Park, Abbotsford Rd., Mayne. (07) 52 5328.

COLOURS: All Orange with Blue Stripe.

This week's match: v APIA LEICHHARDT at Wentworth Park (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.

CANBERRA CITY

P.O. Box 910, CANBERRA CITY 2600



SECRETARY: Max Talbot (W) 48 8917 (A.H.) 88 5078

COACH: V. Fernandez

GROUND: National Athletic Stadium, Bruce

SPONSOR: BRIAN POLLOCK Ford

This week's match: v NEWCASTLE KB UNITED at International Sports Centre (Newcastle) Saturday 2.30 pm.

FOOTSCRAY

SPONSOR:



P.O. BOX 122, ST KILDA SOUTH, 3182



SECRETARY: H. Iser bus (03) 391 3231

COACH: C. Cirkovic

GROUND: Olympic Park, Swan St, Melb (03) 42 0642

COLOURS: Blue White Red.

This week's match: v ADELAIDE CITY at Olympic Park (Melbourne) Sunday 3 pm.

HEIDELBERG UNITED

P.O. BOX 8, COLLINGWOOD, 3066

SECRETARY: A. Loustas 419 2588.

COACH: J. Margaritis.

GROUND: Olympic Park, Swan St., Melb. (03) 42 0642.

COLOURS: Black & Gold.

* GIRLS WHO WISH TO TAKE PART IN MISS ALEXANDER QUEST SHOULD CONTACT THE SECRETARY.

This week's match: v SYDNEY OLYMPIC at Pratten Park (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.

NEWCASTLE KB UNITED

4 NORTHWOOD ST., ADAMSTOWN HEIGHTS, N.S.W., 2289



SECRETARY: P. Trisley, Bus. (049) 24930 (049) 26 2433

COACH: A. Vest

GROUND: International Sports Centre, Turton Rd., New Lambton. Ph (049) 52 1224

SPONSOR: Tooth & Co., Brewers of KB Beer

This week's match: v CANBERRA CITY at International Sports Centre (Newcastle) Saturday 2.30 pm.

MARCONI

MARCONI ROAD, BOSSLEY PARK, N.S.W. 2176



SECRETARY: L. Sartoretto (02) 604 5222.

COACH: L. Scheinflug.

GROUND: Marconi Oval, Marconi Rd., Bossley Park.

This week's match: v WEST ADELAIDE at Hindmarsh Stadium (Adelaide) Sunday 2.30 pm.

SOUTH MELBOURNE

P.O. BOX 64, ST. KILDA WEST, VIC., 3182



SECRETARY: N. Sagiakos, Bus (03) 211 1247

MANAGER: D. McLaren

GROUND: Middle Park, Aughtie Drive, Middle Park

COLOURS: Blue & White

Girls who wish to enter Miss South Melbourne quest please contact N. Sagiakos 528 6196 (A.H.) P. Pallas 232 4577 (Bus), 233 2514 (A.H.).

This week's match: v ST GEORGE at St George Stadium (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.

WEST ADELAIDE

G.P.O. BOX 1130, ADELAIDE S.A., 5001



SECRETARY: D. A. Carapetis, Bus. (08) 227 4311.

COACH: T. Forde.

GROUND: Hindmarsh Stadium, Manton St., Hindmarsh.

This week's match: v MARCONI at Hindmarsh Stadium (Adelaide) Sunday 2.30 pm.

ST. GEORGE

84 VICTORIAN AVENUE, MORTDALE, N.S.W.



GENERAL MANAGER: L. Bordacs (02) 269 2745.

COACH: J. Gelei.

GROUND: St George Stadium, Rockdale

COLOURS: White, Red & Green.

This week's match: v SOUTH MELBOURNE at St George Stadium (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

BOX A181 SYDNEY SOUTH, N.S.W., 2000



SECRETARY: N Smilas (Bus) (02) 72 0661.

COACH: J. Marston.

GROUND: Pratton Park, Ashfield.

SPONSOR: opata

This week's match: v HEIDELBERG UNITED at Pratton Park (Sydney) Sunday 3pm.

A.P.I.A. LEICHHARDT

38-42 FRAZER ST., LEICHHARDT 4040.

SECRETARY: H. Ambrose (02) 516 1688

COACH: J. Adam.

GROUND: Wentworth Park, Glebe. Phone (02) 660 7431.

COLOURS: Burgundy & Sky Blue.

This week's match: v BRISBANE LIONS at Wentworth Park (Sydney) Sunday 3 pm.

SYDNEY CITY

61 HALL ST., BONDI, NSW.



SECRETARY: H. K. Lakmaker (02) 30 3344 (Mornings). 663 4576 (Afternoons).

COACH: G. Chaldi.

GROUND: Wentworth Park Glebe, NSW Phone (02) 660 7431.

SPONSOR: PRESTO SMALLGOODS and City Ford.

This week's match: v BRISBANE CITY at Perry Park (Brisbane) Sunday 3 pm.